

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 621

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Edward Thomas on the celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

WHEREAS, once in great while there comes along a special couple who share a tremendous love and a relationship that stands the tests of time and manages to touch and shape countless lives; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Edward and Mabel Holden Thomas are one such couple, having been married for fifty wonderful and loving years; and

WHEREAS, after their marriage on March 27, 1948, this remarkable couple embarked on their life together; and

WHEREAS, from their union, three successful children, Terry Edward Thomas, Dennis Wayne Thomas and Gail (Elaine) Thomas Chapman, were born; and

WHEREAS, the highly regarded and popular Ralph Thomas worked for the Electrolux Company for twenty exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, he also served admirably as president of the Tennessee Kirby Company for twenty years, until his retirement in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas currently serves as president of the Good Sam's Camping Club; and

WHEREAS, for fifty remarkable years, Mabel Holden Thomas served with acumen and acuity as a registered nurse, until her retirement in 1997; and

WHEREAS, she is a distinguished member of the Garden Lovers Club; and

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WHEREAS, they are active and devout members of the First Baptist Church, of which they have been cherished members for several years; and

WHEREAS, this dedicated couple has earned the respect and admiration of their fellow citizens through their unyielding spirit and commitment to community service; and

WHEREAS, the Thomases are the epitome of good neighbors, always ready with a kind word and eager to lend a helping hand to those in need; and

WHEREAS, for fifty wonderful years this union has endured to stand as a testament to the power of love and family; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as this are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Edward Thomas on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.